

Delaware Avenue Hamlet Streetscape Enhancement Project
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Delaware Avenue Hamlet Streetscape Enhancement Project?

The project will implement design improvements that will help strengthen Delaware Avenue's Main Street character and provide for safe and convenient corridor travel and access for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users. The project involves the implementation of multi-modal and streetscape enhancements along Delaware Avenue, from Elsmere Avenue to Adams Street, as well as portions of Kenwood Avenue and Adams Street. These enhancements consist of new sidewalks, crosswalks, curbing, on-street parking, street trees and decorative lighting fixtures. The total project cost is \$3.1 million, \$1.9 million will be provided by the Town and the remaining \$1.2 million has been secured by a grant from the New York State Department of Transportation.

Where can I find the design plans for the project?

The design plans can be found [here](#).

Who can I contact if I have questions about construction?

Please contact the Town Call Center at 439-4955 extension 0. Also, Town staff will hold weekly meetings with the contractor's project manager to discuss solutions to concerns raised about construction impacts and detour routes.

When will construction begin? What is the expected duration?

Survey and stakeout work and equipment mobilization are expected to begin in early May this year, which will not have an impact on travel along Delaware Avenue. Construction is expected to begin in early June and should continue through the end of 2017. Minor restoration work and landscaping may be necessary in Spring 2018, which will not have an impact on travel along Delaware Avenue.

Will I be able to access businesses during construction?

Yes. Access to businesses and other properties within the project area will be maintained.

Can I travel through the work zone during construction?

Yes. Beginning in June, it is expected that only one lane of travel in one direction will be open to motor vehicles generally between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. All other times of the day, the road is expected to be open to two-way traffic. When Delaware Avenue is down to one lane, travel will be one way -- either eastbound towards Albany or westbound towards Town Hall. At these times, detours will be provided for travel in the opposite direction, using either Hudson Avenue, or Kenwood Avenue (during non-school hours). See the [town web site for maps to detour routes](#) based on travel direction of road closure. Access for pedestrians along Delaware Avenue will also be maintained so people can walk to businesses.

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How can I be notified of lane closures and other traffic changes?

This webpage will be updated daily to provide the latest lane closure information to the public. You can keep completely up to date on the project by signing up to receive email and/or text notifications via the “[Notify Me](#)” portal by subscribing to the “News Flash - Main (Home Page) News”, by liking our [Facebook page](#), by following our [Twitter account](#), or by visiting the [project website](#), all found on the Town website: www.townofbethlehem.org.

Will the Memorial Day parade route along Delaware Avenue be impacted during construction?

No. The parade route will not be impacted since construction activity will not begin until June.

Will construction occur at night and on weekends?

Construction is not expected to occur at night or on weekends. If construction is to occur during these times, notification will be provided to the construction project webpage and information will be provided to those who have signed up to receive notifications.

How will construction effect Fire, Ambulance and Police emergency services?

Emergency services have been notified of the construction schedule, and expected changes to travel along Delaware Avenue during construction.

Will trucks be directed to local residential streets?

No. A [truck detour route](#) has been designed to direct trucks around the construction zone. The route will follow Elsmere Avenue (NYS Rt. 335), the Delmar Bypass (NYS Rt. 32) and Elm Avenue (County Route 52).

How will construction affect school bus stops?

The Town has coordinated with the Bethlehem Central School District. The School District will contact parents of students who are picked-up/dropped off at stops along Delaware Avenue to coordinate temporary bus stop relocations. Please contact the School District’s Transportation Office at 439-3830 for questions regarding student bus stops.

Will I be able to access the CDTA bus stops during construction?

Beginning May 28th 2017m the #18 bus route will use Kenwood and Elsmere Avenues on both the East and Westbound trips to avoid construction on Delaware Avenue. The following CDTA bus stops will be temporarily discontinued or relocated:

Eastbound:

#01323 Delaware and Grove Street
#01430 Delaware and Becker Terrace

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#11422 Delaware and Oakwood Place

#01256 Delaware and Hudson Avenue

Westbound:

#01329 Delaware and Herrick

#01331 Delaware and Rural Place

#01328 Delaware and Howard

#02149 Delaware and Becker

#01375 Delaware and Grove

The following CDTA bus stops will be added or relocated along the New Route:

Eastbound:

Kenwood and Oakwood

Kenwood and Adams

Westbound:

Kenwood and Elsmere

Oakwood and Kenwood

Kenwood and Adams

Kenwood and Delaware

Please visit the [CDTA website](#) for information on the new stop locations and schedules.